REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the above-identified Office Action. The above listing of the claims supersedes any previous listing.

In this response claims 1-21, 27 and 30 have been cancelled. This renders moot all pending rejections, and inasmuch as claims 22-26 and 28-29 stand allowed, it is submitted that this amendment is such that this application stands in *prima facie* condition for allowance.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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